

Graduation Citation

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The Enactment of the New Basics Project in a Special School.

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This thesis investigated the implementation of the New Basics Curriculum in a Special School as part of a state-wide trial in Queensland. Dr. Gray explored the problems that manifested throughout the introduction of a futures-orientated curriculum for students with disabilities by collecting and analysing the perspectives of the classroom teachers and the school Principal. He produced findings on such issues as giving voice to students with disabilities, the development of new work practices and the importance of having supportive, innovative and dynamic leadership during a significant change initiative such as the New Basics.